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SUBJECT: CONGOLESE ON PAN AFRICAN PEACE FORCE

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1. PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR EKONDY ASKED TO SEE CHARGE JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS PAN AFRICAN PEACE FORCE. EKONDY APPEARED DEEPLY CONCERNED AND WORRIED OVER FRENCH POSSIBLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE IN SHABA TO TOPPLE GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH IT IS NOT SATISFIED, INCLUDING THAT OF CONGO. CHARGE DESCRIBED SPECIFIC US GOALS AND ROLE IN SHABA. EKONDY STILL FELT, HE SAID, THAT US WAS BEING DRAWN INTO DEFENDING POTENTIALLY ANTI-AFRICAN MOVES BY FRENCH.

2. EKONDY OBSERVED THAT PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO WAS "VERY SATISFIED" WITH OUR EXPLANATION PREVIOUS DAY CONCERNING US POSITION, BUT WAS NOT PLEASED WITH FRENCH,
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PARTICULARLY WITH WHAT EKONDY DESCRIBED AS A SHOUTING MATCH WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR DUFOURCQ, FOLLOWING OUR MEETING WITH YHOMBY.

3. EKONDY INSISTED THAT DESPITE CONGOLESE ANXIETY OVER FRENCH PRESENCE, CONGO WILL NOT SUBSTITUTE ONE COLONIALISM BY ANOTHER, I.E., WILL NOT CAVE TO

SOVIET-CUBAN PRESSURES, WHEN AND IF THEY COME, TO
INCREASE OUTSIDE COMMUNIST MILITARY FORCES HERE.

4. MOST DISTURBING WERE EKONDY'S COMMENTS CONCERNING
MOBUTU. ALTHOUGH DUFOURCQ HAD TOLD CHARGE THAT YHOMBY WAS
RESPECTFUL OF MOBUTU DURING THEIR CONVERSATION, AND
DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF YHOMBY'S REMARKS TO US ON THAT SCORE
(BRAZZAVILLE 705, EKONDY WAS DAMNING OF MOBUTU AND
SAID THAT HE WAS BOUND TO BE REPLACED SOON.
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